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NCO Induction Ceremony

The Junior Enlisted Troops Service will sponsor an NCO Induction Ceremony Aug. 30 at 2:30 p.m. in the enlisted club.



Photo by Lou Ann Sledge

A & P certification

Staff Sgt. Donna Mailloux, 361st Training Squadron aerospace propulsion instructor, provides TF33P7A engine thrust reverser system instruction to a group of Sheppard technical training students. Sergeant Mailloux is enrolled in a new program that helps Air Force aircraft maintenance technicians get Federal Aviation Association Airframe and Powerplant certification. She intends to use her Air Force training and A & P qualifications to one day become a college instructor. See story about A & P certification on Page 3.

Rumsfeld submits annual report to Congress

By Linda Kozaryn

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — New threats call for a new approach to defense and highlight the need to transform the nation's armed forces "now," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told the president and Congress in his annual report.

The United States is in a new, dangerous period, Rumsfeld said in the report <http://www.defenselink.mil/execsec/adr2002/index.htm>, posted today at www.defenselink.mil/execsec/adr2002/index.htm. "The historical insularity of the United States has given way to an era of new vulnerabilities.

"Current and future enemies will seek to strike the United States and U.S. forces in novel and surprising ways," the secretary said. "As a result, the United States faces a new imperative: It must both win the present war against terrorism and prepare now for future wars — wars notably different from those of the past century and even from the current conflict.

"America will inevitably be surprised again by new adversaries striking in unexpected ways," he said.

"Surprise and uncertainty" define the Defense Department's challenge to de-

fend the nation against "the unknown, the unseen and the unexpected," he said. "Now is precisely the time to make changes," he said. "The attacks on Sept. 11 lent urgency to this endeavor."

Prior to the terrorist attack, Rumsfeld noted, defense officials had already completed the Quadrennial Defense Review and were fashioning a new approach to defense. That included a new defense strategy, replacing the two major theater war construct, and revitalizing the missile defense program free of the constraints of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

Defense officials had also reorganized the department to focus on space capabilities and fashioned a new Unified Command Plan to enhance homeland defense and to speed up transformation. Defense officials had also adopted a new approach to strategic deterrence to increase security while reducing the number of strategic nuclear weapons.

Much has been achieved, the secretary said, even in the midst of fighting a war on terrorism. "Not a bad start for a department that historically has had a reputation for

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Team Sheppard Training 2002



82nd Training Wing: 50,870 students trained to replenish America's combat capability

80th Flying Training Wing: 248 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, congratulates Senior Airman Jesse Caloway, 17th Security Forces Squadron, Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas, on winning the John L. Levitt Award while attending Airman Leadership School.

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ccess to space and protect U.S. space capabilities from enemy attack.

"These six goals represent the operational focus for our efforts to transform the U.S. armed forces," Rumsfeld said. Over the next decade, he continued, defense officials will transform some forces to "serve as a vanguard and signal of the changes to come."

Ground forces will be lighter and more lethal than today; they'll be highly mobile and capable of being inserted far from traditional ports and air bases; and they will be networked with long-range, precision-strike systems, he said.

Naval and amphibious forces will be able to operate close to an enemy's shores and project power deep inland, he said. Air forces will be able to locate and track mobile enemy targets and strike rapidly at long ranges without warning, he added.

"The joint force," Rumsfeld noted, "will be networked in order to conduct highly complex and distributed operations over vast distances and in space."

Over the past decade, he said, the department invested too little in its people, equipment and infrastructure. The new defense approach defines and calls for balancing four risk areas:

"The United States faces a new imperative: It must both win the present war against terrorism and prepare now for future wars — wars notably different from those of the past century and even from the current conflict." — Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld



■ Force management risk — results from issues affecting the ability to recruit, retain, train and equip sufficient numbers of quality personnel and to sustain readiness of the force while it performs operational tasks.

■ Operational risk — stems from factors shaping the ability to achieve military objectives in a near-term conflict or other contingency.

■ Future challenges risk — derives from issues affecting the ability to invest in new capabilities and to develop new operational concepts needed to dissuade or defeat mid- to long-term military challenges.

■ Institutional risk — results from factors affecting the ability to develop management practices, processes, standards

and controls that use resources efficiently and promote the effective operation of the defense establishment.

Focusing on these four areas will help the department set priorities and allocate resources, Rumsfeld said. "The Department of Defense must wisely allocate resources and structure programs to create a portfolio of capabilities that is balanced appropriately for the variety of challenges we face."

The department's immediate task, he said, is to stop erosion in capabilities caused by underinvestment during the past decade. "The current budget request focuses on this task while seeking additional investments to put the armed forces on a path to reducing and managing all four categories of risk," he concluded.



This year's national POW/MIA day is Sept. 20. The 82nd Training Wing will honor former POWs and those still unaccounted for MIAs in a parade at 8 a.m. at the parade field. In addition, a reception will be conducted in the community center immediately following the parade. Both events are open all of Team Sheppard and special invited off-base guests. The Guest speaker for this year's event will be retired Maj. Ira Simposn, an ex-POW.



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Agreement to help maintainers get A & P certification

By Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Base public affairs

The Air Force recently announced an agreement with the Federal Aviation Administration that will help thousands of interested Air Force members in 22 aviation maintenance career fields obtain FAA Airframe and Powerplant certification.

The voluntary program is expected to benefit not only the individual applicant and the Air Force, but also the commercial aviation industry, which is forecasting a huge demand for skilled workers in the years ahead.

The news has big implications for Sheppard. Personnel in 18 of the 22 aircraft maintenance career fields receive their initial skills training right here, said Tech. Sgt. Joe Fuccio, 362nd TRS A & P career development course writer.

Many aircraft maintenance technicians who are eligible to pursue their FAA certification have not been doing so because of the lengthy process, said the Community College of the Air Force.

Also, applying for A & P certification was sometimes a subjective prospect, said Sergeant Fuccio. Air Force members, after completing their FAA-required 30 months in an applicable aircraft maintenance specialty, would go to an FAA Flight Standards District Office with training records in hand, hoping to gain approval to take the FAA examinations needed to obtain an A & P license. An inspector would try to measure a person's military experience and training against FAA requirements to determine if that person had the qualifications needed to take the FAA written, oral and practical exams. Inspectors had different sets of standards, so the approval process could be unpredictable.

Though having an A & P license is highly valued by many aircraft maintenance technicians, troops were staying away from the A & P certification process in droves, said Sergeant Fuccio, because of some of the obstacles encountered. He said that the new Air Force program, especially with its clearer guidelines, should reverse that trend and cause the numbers for A & P certification to swell.

The Department of Defense, working with the FAA, first set out to streamline and improve the A & P certification process in 1998. They established a Joint Service Aviation Maintenance Technician Certification Council, encompassing all branches of the military. The council had several goals: to bolster recruiting and retention; to enhance quality-of-life; to produce better, more well-rounded aircraft maintenance technicians; to help prepare personnel for life after the service; and to establish an easy-to-follow "road map," that would explain exactly what was required to become eligible for A & P testing.



Photo by Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Tech Sgt. Joe Fuccio, 362nd Training Squadron, airframe and powerplant CDC writer, works on the Specialized Training Course that he's developed for the Air Force's new Airframe and Powerplant certification program.

With implementation of the new program, Air Force members will know what's needed to become A & P certified. They must first meet newly established Air Force training standards and then pass three FAA written examinations, one oral examination, and one practical examination.

Sergeant Fuccio said that the first step in the A & P process is to enroll in the program through CCAF. Recent re-trainees who have left an aircraft maintenance career field within the last two years, and who were awarded a 7-skill level in that field, are also eligible.

Before applying to take the FAA tests, members have to finish all tasks identified in a newly created Quality Training Plan (similar to a career field education and training plan) developed by aircraft maintenance career field managers; complete a computer-based A & P lesson plan now being developed by the 367th TRS at Hill Air Force Base, Utah (a Sheppard detachment); and complete a specialized training course that Sergeant Fuccio is writing. Members must also have 30 months of aircraft maintenance experience, which begins the day they arrive at their first permanent duty station; have their 7-skill level; and reach 10 years time in service.

The STC that Sergeant Fuccio is developing is nearly identical to a career development course. It's an Air Force product, written in Air Force language, for Air Force people, he said. It includes three separate courses of study: general, airframe and powerplant, which are the same subjects

covered on the written portion of the FAA certification test.

Sergeant Fuccio was selected in September 2001 by HQ USAF to be the one person responsible for developing the new STC. He said he has applied a tremendous amount of research in carrying out the monumental effort. He has scoured pages of FAA regulations; wrote hundreds of questions while researching the correct answers; and worked with base audio-visual on refining more than 2,000 art graphics.

The first two STCs are finished, and the powerplant course is due to be completed soon. Based fully on FAA guidance and regulations, Sergeant Fuccio said he modeled (and named) the specialized training courses after those same three subjects — general, airframe and powerplant — that students will face when they take the actual written A & P certification exam. To successfully complete the STC, students must pass an end-of-course test at the end of each area of study.

The STC is a joint-use course. Not only will the courseware being developed at Sheppard assist airmen in obtaining their A & P licenses, it will also help soldiers, sailors and Marines.

Sergeant Fuccio said that the beauty of the new program is that once all Air Force requirements are met and endorsed by an individual's commander and certified by CCAF, a person can walk into a Flight Standards District Office, present his Air Force documentation, and be accepted for A & P testing. The subjectivity has been elimi-

nated.

An added bonus is that the written portion of the FAA certification exams is administered through DANTES in the base education office, free of charge. FAA, at a cost to the servicemember, provides the oral and practical exams off base, through a Designated Mechanic Examiner. Sergeant Fuccio said that the overall cost of the entire certification process has been greatly reduced, another excellent program benefit.

A person has 24 months to finish all FAA testing, from the first written test until the final practical exam. Once successfully completed, the DME will issue a temporary A & P certificate. Within 120 days, the FAA certification branch in Oklahoma City will issue a permanent license.

There are more than 74,000 Air Force aircraft maintenance technicians eligible to receive A & P certification, but only a small percentage of those are currently enrolled in the new Airframe and Powerplant Certification Program. Sergeant Fuccio said that there is no time like the present for aircraft maintainers to begin pursuing their FAA licenses.

Any active duty, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard members interested in enrolling in the new A & P certification program can visit the CCAF Web site at <http://www.maxwell.af.mil/au/ccaf/student.htm> or the JSAMTCC Web site at <http://www.hill.af.mil/367TRSS/a&p/> for more information.



Photo by Lt. Col. John Skinner

A crowd gathers to visit the replica of the Vietnam Wall, which was erected at Crestview Memorial Park in Wichita Falls Aug. 16.

Moving wall stops in Wichita Falls

82nd TRW vice commander keynote speaker at ceremony

By Airman 1st Class Pamela Stratton

Base public affairs

The Vietnam Wall Experience, a traveling, three-quarter-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., made a stop in Wichita Falls Aug. 16-18.

The exhibit, which was created to allow those who might not visit the nation's capital to see the wall, travels the country each year.

The replica is 240 feet long and 8 feet high. Its black surface is inscribed with the names of the Americans who died or are missing in Vietnam.

The wall was set up at Crestview Memorial Park and opened to the public Aug. 16 with a 10 a.m. ceremony. A total of six ceremonies were held during the wall's visit.

Col. Darrell Sims, 82nd Training Wing

vice commander, served as the keynote speaker for the 7 p.m. ceremony Aug. 16.

During that ceremony, Master Sgt. Mike Kimbrell, a member of the 982nd Training Group, sang the national anthem.

The opening prayer was led by Chaplain (Capt.) Sarah Shirley, 82nd Training Wing chaplain.

Colonel Sims took the stage and spoke of the greatness of this nation and the reasons we must never forget the men and women who fought for it.

The colonel remembered those who were lost in the Vietnam War, including the 3,415 from Texas and the 81 from Wichita County.

He went on to give a brief history of the war and noted that the Vietnam Veterans Memorial grew from a need to "heal the nation's wounds."

Colonel Sims recognized the service of the thousands of women who served alongside men in the Vietnam War.

He discussed the efforts to locate and recover the remains of fallen servicemembers so that no one is ever left behind.

The colonel compared the Vietnam War to the current War on Terrorism.

"Military service is the tie that binds this generation to the one that served during the 1960s and 1970s. America's sons and daughters are once again on the front lines defending freedom and securing peace," he said.

Colonel Sims held a constant theme throughout his speech: "We will never forget."

The wall left Wichita Falls Sunday with a closing ceremony at 5 p.m.

The wall's next stop will be in Texarkana, Texas, Sept. 6-8.



Photo by Lt. Col. John Skinner

Col. Darrell Sims, 82nd Training Wing vice commander, speaks at the evening ceremony Aug. 16 at the Vietnam Wall replica. The wall was in Wichita Falls from Aug. 16 to Sunday.

134 Sheppard senior airmen to tack on another stripe

It was announced Aug. 14 that 134 Sheppard senior airmen were selected for promotion to staff sergeant.

These 134 were selected out of 213 eligible for a 62.91 percent selection rate.

The selectees are:

344th RS
JOSEPH, JOHN
HARRIS, WILLIAM
LANKFORD, LAKIN
AF Tech. Appl. Center
BARR, DUSTIN
HOLLINGSWORTH, JERE
360th TRS
HAYES, WILLIAM
MARTIN, BRANDI

WHITE, JEREMIAH
ROMINE, AARON
361st TRS
NACOL, JUSTIN
LAPP, NICHOLAS
TALBOT, CASSANDRA
GOOD, MICAH
362nd TRS
LUSCZ, SEBASTIAN
SIMPSON, PATRICK
DECKARD, CHRISTOPHER
GRASTY, KENDALL
RAGAINS, MICHAEL
LEEDOM, BRIAN
SINCLAIR, BEAU
PHILLIPS, JEFFERY

SUTERA, JOHN
RIDGEWAY, BOBBY JR.
SILVA, TIMOTHY
CAMACHO, MICHAEL
HAUCK, KENNETH
THOMPSON, MELVINA
REX, JEFFERY
363rd TRS
BAKER, VICTORIA
KIERNAN, RACHAEL
364th TRS
KIMBALL, JENNIFER
MASSEKEHARVEY, KAHLIL
HENRY, PATRICK
CHAVEZ, DANIEL
MARBLEY, ANDRE JR.

BURNS, AMANDA
365th TRS
WILLIAMS, JOEY
BOLAND, BRADLEY
WELCH, JOEL
DANIEL, KENNETH
SMITH, HAROLD II
DAVIS, JERRY JR.
HARVEY, MICHAEL
MCCLURE, EVELYN
COCKRELL, LYNETTE
TOWNSEND, DANIEL
BATES, JOSHUA
BATES, DESIREE
GARZA, ANNA
366th TRS
THOMAS, STANLEY

LAWYER, JERMAINE
VAUGHN, NATHAN
VEGA, LUIS
CHURCHLEY, GREGORY
ERICKSON, JOSHUA
LUIKART, TODD
ROBLES, MARLON
JOHNSON, SHELBY
CARLSON, CHRISTOPHER
PICASO, STEVE
MCFAULS, TODD
BONSEIGNEUR, JASON
SIMIEN, SAMUEL
SARTAIN, COURTENAY
HOOK, DONALD
AUGSBURGER, KYLE
CUSTARD, CLAUDE

CLARK, LUCAS
DUCKSWORTH, MARELL
HALL, STARLA
ROBERTSON, FREDERICK
367th TRS
BARONE, NICHOLAS
DAVIDSON, KEVIN
GERMANN, NATHANIEL
NAYLOR, MARLA
372nd TRS
ALVAREZ, GEORGIANNA
373rd TRS
OSBOND, DIMIKIO
882nd TRG
DELASHMIT, RYAN
TOY, HEATHER

FRANEK, AUNDRE
882nd TRSS
BIRRIEL, CYNTHIA
381st TRS
WASHINGTON, GEORGE
RAY, JAMIE
RUSH, ANGEL
382nd TRS
JONES, DEBRA
GONZALEZ, MARCOS
383rd TRS
MARTINEZ, JUDITH
384th TRS
MERRIMAN, JEFFERY
NICHOLS, JOSEPH
NGUNJIRI, TIMOTHY

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Soundoff

What is the funnest thing you did this summer?



"I rode my motorcycle around Lake Superior."

~1st Lt. Hans Lienke, 80th Flying Training Wing



"I went to Dallas and Six Flags."

~Spc. Tyrone Marshall, F187 Medical Battalion



"Well, I'm going home on leave. That will be fun."

~Airman Christine Mamel, 82nd Mission Support Squadron



"I got married. I married my best friend. Then we went to Cozumel for our honeymoon. That was cool."

~2nd Lt. Jason Gabriel, 82nd Mission Support Squadron



"My family and I went to Lake Texoma Annex, rented one of those big pontoon boats and caught absolutely no fish."

~Ben Walker, 82nd Comptroller Squadron

New claims office hours

The claims office has moved to accepting claims by appointment. They take claims in on Mondays from 8-11:30 a.m. and on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Anyone having a claim approaching the two-year limit for filing a claim needs to come by or call for immediate assistance. Walk-in service is still available for turning in the DD Form 1840/R. If you have any questions, please contact the Claims Office at 6-2447.

Changes to refractive surgery

Until further notice, the optometry clinic will no longer accept new applications for refractive surgery. The deadline for pending applications is today. This change is due to current manning issues. The manning situation should improve to allow the clinic to begin accepting applications again in early 2003.

Wherry Housing notice

There is a parking problem in Wherry Housing. Some areas are much worse than others. Housing residents should use their carports. This will help alleviate the problem somewhat. Your cooperation is appreciated. For more information, call 82nd Civil Engineer-

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ing Squadron Housing Flight at 6-5769.

NCMA speaker

National Contract Management Association presents "Your Role in Transformation" by guest speaker Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. in the officers club.

Women's Equality Day Luncheon

Sheppard will host a Women's Equality Day Luncheon Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers club. The guest speaker will be Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr. The cost is \$8. For more information, contact Sherry Murray-Garrett at 6-4393.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down for the non-commissioned officer induction ceremony Aug. 30 at the enlisted club. If interested, contact Staff Sgt. Edmund Allen at 6-4474, Senior Airman Kenneth Daniel at 6-2365, or Staff Sgt. Timothy Molock at 6-2810.

Mosquito spraying

The 82nd Civil Engineering Squadron environmental controls shop started currently sprays for mosquitos. Spraying will be done on an as

needed basis, weather permitting.

All Ranks Day

Airman's Attic All Ranks Day will be Saturday. The Attic will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. to individuals of all ranks and retirees.

Due to the route of Hotter 'n Hell, it may be difficult to park near the attic. The Airman's Attic will be open, even if individuals have to park farther away and walk.

Guard openings

The New Hampshire Air National Guard is looking for qualified Air Force personnel who are separating soon. They will retrain members for the Palace Chase program. There are more than 100 part-time openings available. For more information, call DSN 852-3502 or 1-800-257-9368. Below is a list of Air Force Specialty Codes available.

AFSC'S: 1COX2; 1C1X1; 2A1X2; 2A1X3; 2A5X1L; 2A6X2; 2A6X4; 2A6X5; 2A6X6; 2A7X2; 2A7X4; 2E0X1; 2E1X2; 2E1X3; 2E1X4; 2E6X3; 2F0X1; 2R1X1; 2S0X1; 2S0X2; 2T0X1; 2T1X1; 2T3X1; 3A0X1; 3E0X1; 3E0X2; 3E1X1; 3E2X1; 3E3X1; 3E4X1; 3E4X2; 3E4X3; 3E5X1; 3E7X1; 3E9X1; 3M0X1; 3P0X1; 4A0X1; 4B0X1; 4E0X1; 4N0X1; 4T0X1; 6C0X1.



Navy Dr. (Cmdr.) Debra Ryken

Navy dentist honored

A Sheppard sailor from the Naval School of Health Sciences, Sheppard Detachment, was honored recently for her achievements in dentistry.

Navy Dr. (Cmdr.) Debra "Millie" Ryken received the Mastership Award at the annual meeting of The Academy of General Dentistry in July.

The AGD is a non-profit organization comprised of 37,000 dentists dedicated to staying up-to-date in the profession through continuing education.

The Mastership Award is earned through an individual's commitment to lifelong learning and represents completion of more than 1,100 hours of post-graduate dental education in the 16 disciplines of dentistry, including 400 hours of hands-on courses.

To date, 1,650 AGD members worldwide and 173 Federal Service dentists, less than 5 percent of the membership, have earned Mastership Award honors.

Doctor Ryken, a former enlisted Navy dental technician, was recently selected for promotion to captain.

She is currently the course director for the Dental Assisting Schoolhouse under the guidance of the 381st Training Squadron. The inter-service schoolhouse consists of the Navy Dental Technician A-School and the Air Force Dental Assisting Career Field Training Course. (Courtesy of the Naval School of Health Sciences, Sheppard Detachment)

Bush expedites citizenship for servicemembers

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear
Base public affairs

An executive order issued in July will make becoming a United States citizen a much faster process, at least for people serving on active duty.

The order, authorized under Section 329 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, grants immediate citizenship consideration to non-citizen servicemembers on active duty since Sept. 11.

"Thousands of our men and women in uniform were born in other countries, and now spend each day in honorable service to their adopted land," said President Bush.

Many of the men and women President Bush referenced serve here at Sheppard. Senior Airman Juan Gomez, a dental technician with the 82nd Dental Squadron, is a citizen of Columbia but has been serving on Air Force active duty for 2-and-a-half years.

"Before this policy, some people had to wait three to five years before they were even close to becoming a U.S. citizen," said Airman Gomez. "Now I can see the light at the end of the tunnel."

Previously, noncitizen members of the military in peacetime could apply to become citizens after three years of service, instead of the usual five years for civilians.

The citizenship process is a long one that involves a multitude of forms, background checks and tests. "Some people delay start-



Photo by 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear

Senior Airman Juan Gomez, a noncitizen airman with the 82nd Dental Squadron, looks for a dental record. Airman Gomez is currently in the process of applying for United States citizenship.

ing the process and don't realize how long it will take," said Tech. Sgt. Lisa Lloyd, the 82nd Mission Support Squadron personnel administrator who handles many of the base's citizenship packages.

Currently, noncitizens cannot re-enlist unless they have completed their immigration package, causing some to separate while awaiting final approval. "Even by expediting the process, a lot of work still falls on the member. They need to stay abreast of the requirements or risk bumping into their re-enlistment date," added Sergeant Lloyd.

The roadblocks to noncitizen

airmen aren't limited to the daunting paperwork. Noncitizens can't be assigned overseas or deploy in support of expeditionary operations, and are denied access to certain sensitive career fields.

"Besides limiting assignment choices, immigration costs add up fast," added Airman Gomez.

Chief Master Sgt. Connie Bonalewicz, the manager of the 82nd DS, sympathizes with the airmen. "The costs add up. It's tough for an enlisted troop to come up with the approximately 400 dollars they need. If we can do anything to help with the cost, that would be a great next step," she said.

Chief Bonalewicz is quick to add, "President Bush has provided a real opportunity. Procrastination is the only reason not to take advantage of this."

The Sheppard Military Personnel Flight can provide the "Air Force Guide to Citizenship Application" and all necessary forms and checklists to those who are interested in becoming citizens. The MPF staff can also help in processing and tracking applications. Links to the Immigration and Naturalization Service web site, forms and locations of INS support offices can be found at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf.

To place an ad in *The Sheppard Senator*,
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Courtesy photo

Best of the best

Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, presents a plaque to Senior Airman Bobby Delaughter as AETC's Air Traffic Controller of the Year for 2001. Airman Delaughter was picked over 451 people eligible for this award.

80th FTW awards 7-year-old 'pilot for a day' status

Young cancer patient tours ENJJPT, lives his dream

Most little boys dream of one day becoming a fireman, or a police officer or a fighter pilot. Kennedy Kimbro is no different.

This bright, cheerful, playful 7-year-old yearns to be a fighter pilot. He dreams of slipping the surly bonds of earth and flying his jet around the clouds.

Kennedy, unfortunately, has an obstacle looming in his path, an obstacle most of us could not even imagine. Kennedy has brain cancer.

Even with his dream seemingly so far out of reach, the 80th Flying Training Wing gave Kennedy a small chance to experience the life of a pilot on Aug. 14. Kennedy was awarded the status "pilot for a day."

For three hours he jaunted around the flight line and clambered about in the jets, the simulators and the altitude chamber. Kennedy didn't have to think about doctors, or chemotherapy or anything but else living a

brief moment of his dream.

He and his mother, older sister and older brother experienced all the things that a new pilot trainee experiences when they come to the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program.

They donned helmets and oxygen masks in the altitude chamber. They sprang from practice ejection seats, flew loops and rolls in the flight simulators and rode the infamous "vertigo chair."

Kennedy got suited up in the life support shop with his very own helmet and mask.

He was then shuttled out to the flight line, where he got a chance to sit in his very own jet—the one with "Kennedy" emblazoned on the canopy rail.

After personally ensuring it was fit for flight, he watched as his jet started up and taxied out to the runway.

Kennedy was at the runway's edge when the afterburners roared to life and his jet took



Photo by Airman 1st Class Sabrina Moscot

Kennedy Kimbro, 7, gives a thumbs-up as he sits in his jet Aug. 14, the day the 80th Flying Training Wing awarded him "pilot for a day" status.

flight in a two-ship formation.

As he watched the aircraft climb high up into the clouds, Kennedy's spirit did the same. (Courtesy of the 80th Flying Training Wing)

Student Stuff

Happenings on base and in the community

Student center events

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. - spade tournament

Every Monday, 6-8 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument/equipment.

Every Tuesday, 5-8:30 p.m. - Country Video Night in the pub.

Every Wednesday, 7-9 p.m. - Variety Dance Night in the pub. Listen to Latin, hip-hop and R&B music.

Every Thursday, 5-9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub.

Every Friday and Saturday, 7-11:30 p.m. Club BDU

Every Sunday, 3-5 p.m. - billiards tournament in the pub.

Hours of Operation

Mon-Thurs: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m.

Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m.
Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

Golf etiquette lesson

Students are invited to the Wind Creek Golf Course for free golf etiquette lessons. Lessons are held every Sunday from 12:30-1 p.m. For more information, call the golf course at 6-6369.

Games events

The student center hosts and demonstrates role-playing games, card games and miniature wargames, such as Dungeons & Dragons, Magic: The Gathering and Warhammer 40k, every Sunday in the sports bar

at 2 p.m. For more information, call Pegasus Loft at 855-5020.

Win a trip to MSU football game

Students can win a trip to the Midwestern State University football home game Aug. 31. Entry forms are available at the student center. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Steak night in the park

Students can bring their own steak or meat to cook on Saturday from 4-6 p.m. The student center will provide all the trimmings. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Cards, Collectibles show

This show will be held on the first Saturday of every month. The next show is to be held on Sept. 7 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

Comedy show

For non-prior students, the student center is hosting a comedy show on Sept. 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Bingo night

The student center will host bingo night Sept. 15, from 6:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$1 per card. Call Sam Reola at 6-7659 for more information.

Build-A-Boat race

For non-prior students, the student center is having a Build-A-Boat race on Sept. 28, from 9 a.m.-

noon. For more information, call Sam Reola at 6-7659.

Chapel Events

Sheppard chapels offer a variety of programs for student enrichment:

Saturday

All students are invited to the "Solid Rock Cafe" held each Saturday at the south chapel. Dinner is served at 5 p.m., and a variety of scheduled activities take place from 4-9 p.m.

Tuesday

Base chaplains offer helpful classes every Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., in the north chapel for students awaiting training or those having already graduated.

Sunday

Students are invited to the north chapel at 5 p.m. on Sundays for Bible study, an informal get-together with refreshments and student-led music, ending with athletic activities at the north fitness center.

Other Events

Midwestern State University's art department invites students to the Student Exhibition and Graduating Senior Exhibition in the Fain Fine Arts Gallery. The exhibition runs through Sept. 5. Call Midwestern's fine arts department at 397-4267 for more information.

Student views: Why I joined

By Airman Chauntia Moya
361st Training Squadron



Most people join the military just for the benefits. I mean, who wouldn't enjoy having someone pay your college tuition, give you a place to stay, help you pay your bills and feed you? Yes, those are great benefits, but it's not why I joined. I didn't join because of what I could get out of it. I joined because of what I could put in.

I spent most of high school going through the typical motions of today's teenagers. Up early in the morning and off to school to sit through six hours of lectures. Then I would go straight to work just to have a little pocket change that wouldn't even last two weeks. Forget a nightlife, I was too tired to go out (not to mention, I didn't have too many friends).

By the time I was halfway through my senior year, I didn't know what I was going to do after I graduated. I was on the honor roll, but my cumulative GPA wasn't the best and I didn't think I was ready for college. What I did know was that I didn't want to spend the rest of my life at some rinky-dink part time job while everyone else was off actually living life and making something of themselves.

In March of 2002, I went to see

Staff Sgt. James T. Rumer about enlisting in the Air Force. I went to the Military Entrance Processing Station and swore in as a delayed enlistment (I didn't graduate high school until 31 May 2002). I was originally supposed to enter active duty on 10 September 2002, but was so excited about my decision that I asked my recruiter to move up my date.

On 18 June 2002, I was stepping off a bus at 11:45 p.m. at Lackland AFB. Most of the other females were crying and ready to go home. I was ready to train. I thought basic was so much fun, especially warrior week.

Now that I am out of basic, I want to say thank you to Staff Sgt. Howell and Staff Sgt. St. Denis from the 323rd Training Squadron because they taught me something I never really understood before: Self-worth. Before basic, I didn't understand that every member of the team is just as important as the next. I didn't believe that I could do 14 push-ups; yet, I did 20. I didn't believe that I could run two miles in 21 minutes; yet, I finished in 18 minutes and 52 seconds. Basically, I finally learned to believe in myself.

Every time I hear the Star Spangled Banner or see a flag blowing in the wind, it reminds me of who I am: an American. I fight for my country, I fight for my family, but most of all, I fight for that flag and what it stands for: Freedom.

Presumption of innocence

By Capt. Jane Boomer
Area defense counsel

"Presumption of Innocence." We have all heard this term, but many don't understand all that this term encompasses. The presumption of innocence is a fundamental concept in the U.S. criminal justice system and under the Uniform Code of Military Justice as well.

It means if you are accused of a crime, the government is required to prove your guilt beyond a reasonable doubt. Until an accused has their day in court and until a panel of members (a jury) or a judge finds an accused guilty, they are *presumed innocent*. In court, the government shoulders the *entire* burden of proving the guilt of the accused. An accused does not have to prove anything. They don't have to

prove their innocence; they are under no obligation to say anything or produce any evidence in their defense; and they are not required to take the stand and testify—and this decision can't be held against them.

It means that everyone has a responsibility to make sure they are not treating the accused Air Force member as if they were already guilty, and that individuals should not be discussing the case, period. It is important that gossip is stemmed early on in order to preserve the integrity of the justice process.

An Air Force member accused of a crime is entitled to this presumption of innocence and all of the rights afforded to them under the Constitution of the United States and the UCMJ. Here at Sheppard, we can all do our part to make this happen!

One more question every airman can answer

Editor's Note: Doctrine is the Air Force's accepted best practices, so it's important for all airmen to understand it, and, in turn, understand "why" and "how" we employ air and space power.

24. What is the "Total Force"?

The United States Air Force is comprised of military and civilian (including contractors) members serving within three components – the active, Reserve and Guard forces. Each component brings unique talents and capabilities that must be integrated together to perform the Air Force's missions. Air and Space power cannot be applied efficiently and effectively without the contributions of each component working together. The total force is one team. The total force *is* the United States Air Force.

Tobacco cessation, for the health of it

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander
Base public affairs

Every year smoking kills over 430,700 people; do you want to be one of them?

According to the Health and Wellness Center, 24.94 percent of Team Sheppard's permanent party personnel smoke or use nicotine products, just squeaking under the Air Force recommended 25 percent or less.

For those who fall into that 24.94 percent and want to quit using tobacco products, there is help to be found at the HAWC.

The HAWC offers a number of classes, literature, support groups and interventions for those seeking to kick the habit.

Tobacco cessation classes are held every Thursday from noon-1 p.m. throughout the months of August, September and October and will be held every Monday at the same time in November and December. Evening classes are also held every Thursday, from 5-6 p.m.

The cessation classes consist of four classroom sessions where the participants will meet with a family practice provider, a life skills manager, a diet therapist, an exercise physiologist and a tobacco cessation facilitator.

The HAWC also provides tobacco cessation support groups the third Monday of every month from noon to 1 p.m.

"The support group gives people the opportunity to bounce things off other people that have gone through, or are presently going through, the cessation process," said Master Sgt. Mathew Di Salvo, health promotion superintendent. "We utilize the people approach, Team Sheppard helping



Photo by 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander

Master Sgt. Matthew Di Salvo, 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, stands in front of the Health and Wellness Center ready to help Team Sheppard members kick the tobacco habit.

Team Sheppard."

In addition to the classes and support group, the HAWC will start offering the Services Tobacco Addiction Reduction Program in September. The STAR program will be targeted at those who do not work during the normal duty hours, like our professional instructor and MTL staff.

The HAWC has been very successful in helping people quit smoking.

The national average for successfully quitting is currently at 25 percent; the success rate at Sheppard's HAWC is 33 percent.

Smoking is also harmful to your wallet. Over a year's time a one-pack-a-day smoker will spend about \$1500, which is equivalent to a down payment for a car.

For more information on how to quit smoking and the programs the HAWC offers, call 6-4292.



Sgt. Looksharp says...

"Cosmetics are authorized for women only. They must be conservative and in good taste."

STAFF

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MARTINEZ, JUDITH

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MERRIMAN, JEFFERY

NICHOLS, JOSEPH

NGUNJIRI, TIMOTHY

82nd AMDS

DESOMMA, LOUIS

HUSTON, KANDICE

DRAKE, BRIANNA

82nd DS

STEVENSON, ANDI

MIRELES, MIREIDA

JOHNSON, JOSHUA

82nd MDOS

WILLIAMS, RONNIE

SLANKARD, JESSICA

KALAL, CASEY LYNN

PALMER, COLIN JR.

CARSON, KANISHA

HRDINA, JASON

BROWN, ANNAMARIA

CAMACHO, DEANNA

SECHLER, ROBERT

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MATHIESEN, MICHELLE

LAMME, JOYE

NGUNJIRI, TIMOTHY

WILD, ANDREA

82nd CPTS

NOVAK, RICHARD

SCHMIDT, JODI

MARIGNY, TRAHAN

82nd TRW

MARSH, LARRY

FRANCE, AMANDA

82nd SPTG

FINNEY, COURTNEY

82nd MSS

WHITE, UNA

WADE, BRENT

JEPHCOTT, ALISSA

BRUNDIDGE, BEMELIS

CLINE, KRISTINA

SHEPPARD, LAVAR

HARMON, PATRICK

82nd LSS

MAEWEATHERS, GERVAI

82nd TRSS

SANJULE, DUSTIN

82nd CS

BERNSTEIN, CARRIE

BANDY, LARRY

RAMOS, JESUS

MOODY, LUKE

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MARTIN, JONATHAN

DAWSON, THOMAS JR.

ROBINETT, DANIEL

PHILLIPS, DANIEL

MASELLA, JOSHUA

GALVANGARCIA, JOSE

PRICE, AARON

HANENBURG, MARTIN

BATES, HERBERT JR.

NATALIO, EMILIO

KNOX, BRYAN

PICASO, STEVE

LESTER, THOMAS

CHA, SHUA

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JAYKOSKI, JOHN II

MORALES, JASON

JENKINS, YOLANDA

GRINDLAND, CHRISTOPHER

SPANGLER, CHRISTOPHER

GRINDLAND, KRISTINA

BOOKER, JAMES

STALEY, PRESTON

CASTILLO, CHRISTINE

VERMILLION, WALTER

LAWRENCE, KYLE

PULLIAM, JEREMY

80th FTW

FLORES, JOHNNY

BENDER, DAVID

EISENMANN, GLENN

BAUERNFEIND, ADAM

GUTHMILLER, TRAVIS

AUWAEAPILIO, JEFFREY

TROUT, JEREMY

WATSON, NAANTHONY

MENK, LASONYA

OQUENDO, BRENDA

GARCIA, DANIEL

DINKINS, KIZZY

BANKS, SHANNON

MARTINEZ, GUSTAVO

**The Senator staff
congratulates
Sheppard's newest
staff sergeants.**

From General Rooney's bookshelf

By 2nd Lt. Nathan Broshear

Base public affairs

In order to "build a better mousetrap," it's important to identify your objective and tools, or you may find that someone has "moved your cheese," says Spencer Johnson, M.D., the author of "Who Moved My Cheese?"

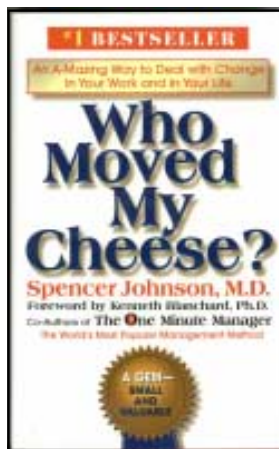
The word play on the popular saying is repeated over and over throughout this book, which is designed to help leaders tackle the problems of their work and home environment. The number one New York Times bestseller is a mere 94 pages. The author's writing style could only be described as concise, not often a quality found in organization and management writings.

The short volume is chock-full of leadership lessons that belie its breadth. By following the story of "Sniff" and "Scruffy" (two simple-minded mice) and "Hem" and "Haw" ("little people" filled with ideas and emotions), management techniques are laid out with surprisingly high-minded analogy. For example, after finding a great stockpile of cheese, Hem and Haw develop a sense of entitlement and laziness that causes them to squander their store and lose their cheese-

finding edge. Meanwhile, Sniff and Scruffy are busily perfecting their own brand of maze-management and cheese procurement. Simplicity turned out to be the key to navigating the maze, and Sniff and Scruffy had figured this principle out early. "They didn't overanalyze or overcomplicate things. When the situation changed and the Cheese had been moved, they changed and moved with the Cheese."

Sure the examples seem "cheesy" (I couldn't resist), but they're surprisingly effective at finding home the author's points.

Most effective was the "writing on the wall." This outline of messages each of the mice and little people wrote on the walls of the maze applies to any squadron. Simply substitute the word cheese with a mission statement for your field, and you'll see how Johnson meant his book to be read. "If you do not change, you can become extinct" seems especially timely given the technology race with our enemies, base closure issues, and the conflict in Afghanistan. Finding your "cheese," adapting to change, and correctly identifying goals and courses of actions are the crux of this vermin saga. In simple terms, Johnson is able to



touch on the very real and pertinent management principles Team Sheppard leaders can use everyday. A slow reader might need a couple of sittings to finish this book, while a faster reader may only take one evening. Either way, "Who Moved My Cheese?" is well worth the time. And if you find yourself strangely craving swiss, gouda or edam—blame it on General Rooney!



The DoD Traffic Safety Program, DODI 6055.4, para 6.7 specifies: "New technology. safety guidance should note the potential for driver distraction when operating modern communication and navigation devices, e.g., cell phones or global positioning systems, in a moving vehicle. Drivers must use caution when operating these devices. Whenever possible, use these

devices only when the vehicle is safely stopped."

Other traffic alone provides distractions to vehicle operators and when a distraction such as using a cell phone while driving is added, chances increase for an accident. So, use some common sense and only use the above devices after you safely stop your vehicle.

Sheppard goes to Washington, D.C.

By 2nd Lt. Brooke Brander
Base public affairs

The 82nd Training Wing is headed for Washington, D.C., Sept. 3-6 to show the Logistics Officer Association's 20th annual conference how Sheppard is transforming training to better support the joint warfighter.

All four training groups in the 82nd TRW are bringing together their individual technological developments to create and highlight the fact that the Air Force and world should expect more from 82nd TRW graduates, according to Lt. Col. Paul Bricker, 82nd TRW Training Operations.

Sheppard will help open the conference with a presentation to

all participants on Sept. 3, starting the conference with examples of innovative technological advancements in the classroom and other training venues.

The 82nd TRW will present such technological training innovations as the wearable ultrasound from the 882nd TRG, Classroom 2005 from the 982nd TRG, interactive computer based courseware found in the 782nd TRG and joint training in Sheppard's numerous Interservice Training Review Organization courses.

"The 82nd Training Wing has taken a huge step in transforming technical training to further enhance our support of the Expeditionary Air Force...we hope to

show how we motivate the Nintendo generation to get excited about learning from colorful, animated, interactive presentations which will enhance student retention and comprehension of complex systems found in today's and tomorrow's Air Force," explained Lieutenant Colonel Bricker.

Presenting alongside the 82nd TRW at the LOA Conference will be such industry leaders as Boeing, Honeywell, Pratt and Whitney, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Aerospace, to name a few. These organizations will be showing how they too help "support the joint warfighter."

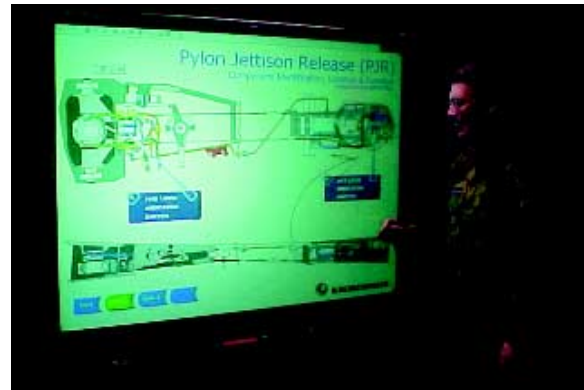


Photo by 2nd Lt. Joshua Heddings

Col. Robert Simmons, 982nd Training Group commander, demonstrates the use of the SMARTboard in Classroom 2005, one of the many innovative training technologies that will be on display.

General activities

Pool hours of operation

The main pool, Capehart pool and Bunker Hill Water Park are open from now until Labor Day. Daily fees are \$2 for people age 16 and older and \$1 for people age 15 and under. For information about lap swimming, call 6-6460.

Main pool – 6-6469

Monday-Friday, 1-7:45 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Weekends only after Labor Day. Also open Monday and Friday for lap swimming.

Capehart pool – 6-4281

Wednesday-Saturday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Closed Thursday and Friday for maintenance.

Closed after Labor Day.

Family swim time during all hours of operations at the pool.

Bunker Hill water park – 6-4161

Thursday-Tuesday, noon-7:45 p.m.

Weekends only after Labor Day.

New bass boats

Outdoor Recreation has three new 17-foot Starcraft bass boats. These boats have a 40 horsepower engine and allow six passengers in each boat. For more information, call 6-4141 or call the Lake Texoma annex in Whitesboro, Texas, at (903) 523-4613.

"The Pied Piper"

The Madrigal Youth Center presents the Missoula Children's Theater production of "The Pied Piper." The performance will be tonight at 7 p.m. Call 6-5437 for more information.

Family child care homes

Family Child Care Homes are now recruiting housing residents interested in earning an income while staying at home. All materials, licensing and training are free. The FCC office is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8-9 a.m., and Tuesday and Thursday from 4-5 p.m. For more information, call the office at 6-4237.

Give Parents a Break Program

Give Parents a Break Program is now being offered once a month by the child development center. Those eligible to use the program include parents of children 6 weeks through 5 years old whose spouse is deployed, on extended TDY or required to work extensive extended shifts. Also included are those parents who have been experiencing family crises such as the birth of a baby, serious illness of a family member, death in the family or extended illness of a family member. The next program will be held Sept. 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. Register two weeks in advance. Call 6-2038 for more information.

Club activities

Comedy jam

The enlisted club presents the Enlisted Club Comedy Jam Weekend. Comic View comedians will perform at the Enlisted Club Ballroom Sept. 20. Tickets are \$6 for club members, \$13 for non-members. Reserved seating is available with advance ticket purchase. This show is for mature audiences. All ranks welcome to attend. Call 6-6427 for more information.

International buffet

For an international flavor, try this new buffet at the officers club Thursday from 5:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$9.95 for members. Please make reservations for groups of six or more. For more information, call 6-6460.

Football frenzy 2002

Enlisted club members again have the opportunity to win a trip to a regular season football game, the Super Bowl and the Pro Bowl. Football fans can watch the games and enter to win prizes at the enlisted club. For more information, call 6-2083.

Family night

The officers club will host Family night Sept. 11 from 5-8 p.m. Call 6-6460 for more information.

"Electrifying" giveaway

The officers and enlisted clubs start their "Electrified Membership Drive" Sept. 3. During this drive, the clubs will be giving away electronic equipment to current and new club members. People who join a club will be eligible for prizes. Current members are automatically entered to win in a separate drawing. The drive lasts until Dec. 20.

Clubs closed Labor Day

The officers and enlisted clubs will be closed Sept. 2. For further information, call 6-6460 or 6-2083.

Live jazz music

The officers and enlisted clubs present live jazz music performed by Jeff Smith. Dates and times are Sept. 6 from 5-9 p.m. at the officers club and Sept. 7 from 9 p.m.-midnight at the enlisted club. Call 6-6460 or 6-2083 for more information.

Upcoming trips

For tickets to area attractions, to sign up or get information about tours, visit the Information, Tickets & Tours office or call 6-2302.

September – Dallas Cowboy game tickets are on sale now and cost \$45.

For outdoor activities, contact Outdoor Recreation at 6-4141 for more information about upcoming trips.

Sept. 14 – Wichita Mountains Hiking Trip will cost \$16 per person.

At the Flicks

Friday 6:30 p.m.

Reign of Fire

Friday 9:30 p.m.

Crocodile Hunter

Saturday 2 p.m.

Lilo and Stitch

Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Reign of Fire

Saturday 7 p.m.

Crocodile Hunter

Sunday 2 p.m.

Lilo and Stitch

Sunday 4:30 p.m.

Crocodile Hunter

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

Reign of Fire

This schedule is subject to change without notice.

For movie information, call 6-4427.

Reign of Fire (PG-13) – Matthew McConaughey, Christian Bale – In present-day London, twelve-year-old Quinn watches as his mother wakes a fire-breathing beast from its centuries-long slumber. Twenty years later, the beast and its offspring have scarred much of the world. As a fire chief, Quinn is responsible for warding off the beasts.

Crocodile Hunter (PG-13) – Steve Irwin, Terri Irwin – Steve Irwin has nabbed another croc, hoping to save it from poachers. What Steve doesn't know is that the crocodile has swal-

lowed a top secret U.S. satellite beacon, and the poachers are American special agents sent to retrieve it.

Lilo and Stitch (PG) – Daveigh Chase, Jason Scott Lee – Lilo is a Hawaiian girl who adopts a small "dog," whom she names Stitch. Stitch would be the perfect pet if he weren't in reality a genetic experiment who has escaped from an alien planet. Through her love, faith and belief in "ohana" (the Hawaiian concept of family), Lilo helps unlock Stitch's heart and gives him the ability to care for someone else.

Chapel Schedule

Student programs

Tuesday, 11 a.m. and 4:15 p.m., chapel rope meeting, North Chapel

Saturday, 4 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe, South Chapel

Sunday, 5 p.m., Sunday Evening Gathering, North Chapel

Catholic activities

Mass

Saturday, 5 p.m., North Chapel

Sunday, 9 a.m., North Chapel

Sunday, noon, North Chapel

Mon.-Fri., 11:30 a.m., North Chapel

Reconciliation

Saturday, 4-4:30 p.m., North Chapel

Protestant activities

Worship services

Saturday, 6:30 p.m., Solid Rock Worship (Liturgical), South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m., Inspirational Gospel Service, South Chapel

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. Protestant Community Service, North Chapel

Religious education

Saturday, 4 p.m., Marriage Group,

Intercessory Prayer Team, Women's Bible Surfing, South Chapel
Sunday, 9 a.m., classes for ages 3 to adult, Bldg. 962

Bible studies

Thursday, noon, Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Protestant Women of the Chapel, Bldg. 962

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., Protestant Men of the Chapel, South Chapel

Second Saturday of month, 8 a.m., Protestant Men of Chapel breakfast

Tuesday, 6:00 p.m., Protestant Bible Study, South Chapel

Lay-led faith groups

Islamic activities, Friday, 1:45 p.m., South Chapel

Jewish activities, call Maxine Simpson, House of Jacob Synagogue at 322-4177

Latter Day Saints, Sunday, 2 p.m., Hospital Chapel

Mystic Grove Pagan Study Group, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Bldg. 962, call Kalista at 6-4370

For more information, call the base chapel at 6-4370

—Sports—

Sheppard takes 1-2-3 finish at dart challenge

By Master Sgt. Jeff Szczechowski

Base public affairs

Sheppard entered three teams in the American Dart Association's first-ever steel tip Military Cup Challenge at the Riviera Hotel and Casino Convention Center under the bright lights of the Las Vegas Strip, Aug. 8 – 11, and came away with an amazing 1-2-3 finish. The group of nine men and one woman returned home with a glittering display of their own: the championship "Military Cup" trophy, along with individual plaques, engraved with the Air Force symbol, for members of the winning team.

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, greeted the news with typical enthusiasm. "Wow! Imagine that? An Air Force award-winning dart team right here at Sheppard!" he said.

Not only that, but Senior Master Sgt. Holly Dye, 82nd Training Wing, training operations, Air National Guard liaison, became a Vegas "headliner" after her outstanding individual run through the ADA National Championship, which followed the Military Challenge. Sergeant Dye took second place in Women's Doubles and third place in Women's Singles. Glenn Remick, ADA president, presented her with two plaques during the awards ceremony on the last day of the event.

Sergeant Dye competed against civilians from all over the U.S., describing them as the top shooters in the ADA.

"I was up against the best, and was scared to death," said Sergeant Dye. "These ladies go to tournaments all the time, and I'm just a military league player. But I was in a zone. Maybe I thrive on stress!"

She said the whole Sheppard team was right there with her throughout, watching, coaching and cheering her on. Sergeant Dye said her teammates were "fantas-

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Hotter 'n Hell Hundred Sat- urday

More than 5,000 H'N H riders and in-line skaters will pass through the base Saturday. The riders will enter at Missile Road Gate and follow the route indicated on the map above. The rest stop will be at Bldg. 430. Riders will enter Wherry housing on Nehls about 8 a.m. and then will turn left onto Beaumont. The route turns left again between 105 and 107 Beaumont and exits the base through the contractor's maintenance gate onto McKinley. The riders will travel on base until about 4 p.m., with the heaviest traffic between 8:30 a.m. and noon. Along the base route, the riders will have the right-of-way. Base drivers are encouraged to exercise caution if driving along the route. If driving on Beaumont, please follow the same direction as the riders. The participants enjoy encouragement along the way, but do not attempt to hand them drinks or spray them with water. Wet road surfaces increase the risk of accidents. (Courtesy of Hotter 'n Hell Steering Committee)

DART

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tic.” No doubt, they thought the same of her.

Master Sgt. Billy Shackelford, 373rd Training Squadron, chief, applications development element, was a member of the champion steel tip team, along with Staff Sgt. Fred Leighty and Tech Sgt. Steve Mitchell, both from the 382nd TRS. Sergeant Shackelford started playing darts in 1987, but he hadn't played for eight years, until, like Sergeant Dye, he joined a league here in 1999.

Sergeant Shackelford had ample reason to beam about Sheppard's showing in the Military Cup Challenge, and the pride was evident when he spoke of the team's sparkling 18-1 match play record throughout the championship run. But he sounded just as proud when he talked about Sergeant Dye's accomplishments.

“She could have very well finished in the top two in singles play; she lost a very close semi-final match,” he said. “For someone who has never competed in this kind of environment, it was an outstanding accomplishment.”

Sergeant Dye said that afterward, the number one singles player in the Women's division, impressed by her play, asked her if



Photo by Master Sgt. Bob Kelly

Master Sgt. Billy Shackelford, 373rd Training Squadron, displays the deadeye aim that helped his Sheppard Flyers win the Military Cup Challenge, steel tip division, at the American Dart Association's National Championships in Las Vegas, Aug. 8 – 11.

she would return for next year's Nationals. What she heard next came as a surprise.

“She said, ‘You should, because now you're nationally ranked, number three in singles and number two in doubles in ADA,’ ” said Sergeant Dye.

Sergeant Dye said that the Military Cup trophy is currently residing at the 882nd Training Group, but it may be displayed in the future at the enlisted club, site of Sheppard's Summer Express league and the upcoming fall/winter league, so that everyone will be able to take a look at it.

Sergeant Dye said she hoped that Sheppard's team and individual performances would stir additional dart playing interest among

Sheppard members. She said that news of the team's impressive showing might bring other players “out of the woodwork.”

“Maybe they'll come out and be a part of next year's championship team,” she said.

The ADA is planning to expand the Military Cup Challenge in 2004 so that it's an all-military tournament, separate from the National Championships, said Sergeant Shackelford. To do this, he said, ADA is looking for more military-affiliated dart teams and even greater military participation.

People interested in learning more about Sheppard's dart leagues can call Sergeant Dye at 6-2283 or Sergeant Shackelford at 6-2857.

Sports

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Bowling meeting for ladies

The Thursday Rejects Pre-season Bowling Meeting for Ladies will be held Thursday at 11:30 a.m. at the activities center, Bldg. 430. For those bowlers whose vehicles aren't registered on base, a seasonal pass is available. Drivers must have proof of current vehicle insurance, registration and inspection. Bring a covered dish and enjoy fellowship, fun and food. Bowling season will begin at 12:30 p.m. Sept. 5 at the south lanes. Contact Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619 for more information.

Bowl the Colorama

Bowl the Moonlight Colorama at the south lanes, Aug. 31 at 7 p.m. The cost is \$13 per person. For more information, call 6-2170.

Aerobics classes

The aerobics center is located in the south fitness center and offers coed aerobics classes seven days a week. Classes are offered as early as 5:30 a.m. and as late as 7 p.m. in low impact, interme-

diate and advanced exercise, including floor and step exercises, muscle sculpting and kickboxing. Call 6-2972 for specific times and classes.

AAHC golf tournament

The African-American Heritage Committee will host a Unity Golf Tournament Sept. 6 at the Wind Creek Golf Course with a noon shotgun start. Proceeds from the event will be used to sup-

port the Annual Scholarship Program for High School Seniors pursuing higher educational endeavors. The format will be a four-person scramble/best ball. The cost is \$40, which includes green fees, carts and meal. Prizes will be awarded. For more information, contact Master Sgt. Hale at 6-1408, Master Sgt. Harry Newsome at 6-2354, Master Sgt. Bionca Dean 6-2286 or Capt. Bryan Simpson at 6-3963.